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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

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**3<sup>RD</sup> ALARM COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE – CITY OF CARSON**

On October 2, 2002 at 11:27 p.m., our Department responded to a commercial structure fire at Major Brass Company, manufacturer of metal die casts, located at 135 E. 163rd Street in the City of Carson. Upon arrival, Engine 95 found a 300 x 100-foot, one-story commercial building fully involved with fire coming through the roof.

During extinguishment of the fire, power lines fell onto the building and a natural gas leak caused a hazardous condition to occur. Edison and Southern California Gas Company were on scene and secured both utilities. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department provided traffic and crowd control.

There were no reported injuries to civilian or firefighting personnel. No evacuations were required and, though it was humid, the smoke dissipated into the air. The blaze was knocked down in 43 minutes by the aggressive actions of 21 engine companies and 125 personnel.

The cause of the fire is undetermined and is presently under investigation. The estimated loss to the structure is \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 to the contents.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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